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News and Events from the Corinth Conservation Commission

Special points of interest:

- Corinth Sugarhouses wanted. The Town Report Committee is looking for pictures, photos, paintings or sketches of Corinth Sugarhouses for the 2010 edition. Please call Laurie at 439-6299 or e-mail CorinthLaurieS@gmail.com
- Special Selectboard meeting to talk about the Ancient Roads Oct. 5th 7:00 pm
- The Corinth Historical Society is collecting documents, papers, diaries, pictures and artifacts related to the history of Corinth. If you have any of these you would like to donate please get your items to Lois Jackson or Norm Collette.
- Reminder: the dumping fee's went up to \$2.50 a bag as of July 1st. This will give the Taxpayers less cost through the Town and make individuals responsible for their own cost's.
- The Town is still in need of a Planning Commissioner and a Zoning Administrator if anyone is interested let someone on the Selectboard know.
- Sugar Maple Preschool will be selling cookie dough at the start of school. Be on the look out to place your order. The Pre-school receives 40-50% of the profits.

Summer is here in time for fall.



August 17: Go With the Flow Waits River Field Trip Series: Part 4

5:30-7 p.m.: visit the Chelsea Rd. swimming hole site on the Waits River. Meet at the Park & Ride on Rte. 25 near the "iron bridge" (Chelsea Rd. bridge) to carpool to the site to discuss the health of the Waits River.

7:30-8:30 p.m.: final presentation by Redstart Forestry of their Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment of the Waits River and its tributaries. Food and drink will be provided. Site TBA.

Co-sponsored with the Bradford Conservation Commission.

September 12: Bathhouses and Birdhouses: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Clement Loop trail-head

Corinth Conservation Commission member Randy McFarline will instruct us in the art of building and installing simple and effective bathhouses and birdhouses. Suggested donation of \$10 to cover the cost of materials. Limited space, RSVP required.

October 10: Second Annual LEAF (Local Energy Alternatives Festival) 9 a.m. to 4:30 pm, Main St. Bradford

Alternative energy vendors and workshops, huge farmer's market and artisan's market, kids' activities, live music, and raffle drawing for: Neuton Battery-Powered Lawnmower, \$500 gift certificate for an Energy Star appliance at Perry's, and a 10' kayak and paddle from Farm-Way.

October 24: Reading the Forested Landscape with Author and Naturalist Tom Wesels: 12:30-4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall; slideshow followed by interpretive walk.

This program is based on Tom's book, *Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England*. It introduces people to approaches used to interpret a forest's history while wandering through it. Using evidence such as the shapes of trees, scars on their trunks, the pattern of decay in stumps, the construction of stone walls, and the lay of the land, it is possible to unravel complex stories etched into our forested landscape. This process could easily be called forest forensics, since it is quite similar to interpreting a crime scene. Limited space, RSVP required

To RSVP for any event, please email Ginny Barlow at ginny@redstartconsulting.com or call 439-5652. Events are free and sponsored by the Corinth Conservation Commission, Orange County Headwaters, and New England Grassroots Environment Fund. Families welcome; please leave dogs at home. The CCC meets the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.



Tax Bills

Tax bills were mailed on July 24th 2009, to the owners of property as of April 1st 2009. Please double check your bills, specifically the education tax classification. Make sure you have the right classification, it affects your bill. If you have any questions you can call the Treasurer at the Corinth Town Offices at 439-5850. The due dates for payment of taxes are on Sept. 11th 2009 and Feb. 9th 2010.

Upcoming Friends of Waits River Valley School Events

Fall Fundraiser kicks off September 11
 Grandparents Day (tentatively set for Sept. 15)
 Bingo/Pizza Night October 9 starting at 6:00 pm
 Book Fair and Christmas Bazaar in November
 Look for more events and confirmation of dates in the



Donate to the local food shelf.



It could make all the difference to someone. One at the Grange Hall in Topsham and one at the East Corinth Church. Drop off box at the Town Hall.

VT-CAN! (VT Companion Animal Neutering)



We have been open almost a year and to celebrate we are launching an anniversary special, on Saturday July 25th. That day and the entire month of August, we will be offering cat spays and cat neuters including shots for \$45. Please tell everyone you know! This is a great deal ~

I would be happy to help with transportation if anyone is willing to meet me in Corinth, Waits River, West Topsham or the Jct of route 25 & 302.

Meeting time is between 6:15 and 6:45 am with a return drop off time between 5:30 & 6:30 pm the same day (depending on the number of animals that day). You can call me, Diana Perry at 439-3700 for more information or to set up a ride.

News from the Corinth Energy Committee

In late summer and early fall, there are a few things you can do to reduce your home's energy use and save you money. These include:

Using a ceiling fan: ceiling fans don't actually cool a room, but rather create a wind chill effect for the inhabitants inside. So you only need to run ceiling fans when you're in the room. These fans work best when the blades are 7-9 feet above the floor and 10-12 inches below the ceiling. Fans should be installed so their blades are no closer than 8 inches from the ceiling and 18 inches from the walls. Larger fans, and fans with larger blades, are more effective than smaller fans, and multiple fans may be required for a room longer than 18 feet. Fans with Energy Star ratings are about 20% more efficient than standard fans, though they may not be as powerful as less-efficient fans. Ceiling fans may reduce or eliminate the need to use air conditioning during periods of hot weather. Make sure to run the fan in the forward direction, so it is blowing air down on you (in winter, fans can be set in reverse to pull warm air up and then send it down the outside of a room, avoiding giving you the wind-chill effect).

Avoid unnecessary sources of heat in the summer: just as you avoid using the oven on hot days, you can also eliminate heat coming from your light fixtures by choosing compact fluorescent light bulbs rather than incandescent light bulbs. Only about 10-15% of the electricity consumed by incandescent light bulbs is turned into light; the rest becomes heat. Compact fluorescents (CFLs), however, use 1/4 the energy of incandescent, produce 90% less heat (and more light per watt), and last ten times longer. There are some situations where you may prefer to use incandescent, such as for task lights, flood lights, or lights that are turned on and off frequently. But CFLs can replace many of your incandescent and will save you money from the start, especially given the coupons many retailers and local hardware stores are offering to offset the higher purchase price.

Take advantage of natural cooling and lighting: a few simple measures will help you make your home more comfortable, by taking advantage of the natural elements. South-facing windows let in a lot of light, but also heat. If you don't need the light from those windows, close the shades during summer days. North-facing windows provide even, natural light with little or no heat gain. East- and west-facing windows provide a lot of morning and evening light, but they also admit a lot of heat in the summer but not winter. Also, consider the use of windows as a cooling device. Windows can be opened during nighttime to admit cool air (more if you have window fans pulling air in). Then, with windows and shades closed during the day, that cool air can be retained. Also make sure that your attic is ventilated; that will help create a siphon, with warm air escaping out your roof and pulling in cooler ground-level air.

More energy-saving tips can be found at www.encyvermont.com or www.energysavers.gov

Chicken BBQ, Horseshoe Tournament, and Silent Auction at the East Corinth Ball Field on Aug. 22nd !!!

Sponsored by **Riverside Grange #455**

Serving starts at 11:00 am. Sign-ups for the Horseshoe Tournament starts at 10:00 am. 1/2 chicken, 2 sides (choice of potato salad, coleslaw, or baked beans) roll, pie and drink just \$9:00. Chicken little dinner for kids, chicken leg (drumstick & thigh) with one side, roll, pie and drink \$5:00.

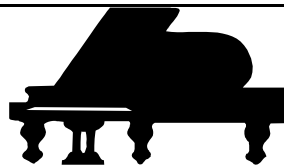
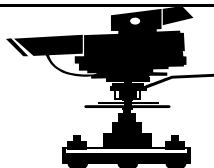
Come out with the family for a great meal and fun day. For advance tickets call: Nancy @ 522-3996 or Robert @ 439-6179 or Leo 439-5935



Vermont north by hand artists co-op open studio week-end

It's on the week-end of Oct. 3 & 4. It will be held in various locations in Corinth, including the Town Hall. Also in Topsham, Bradford, Newbury and Fairlee. Brochures and maps available at the Town Hall, Post Offices and other locations.





COMMUNITY CALENDAR: AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

AUG. 1 ST CORINTH ACADEMY CAFÉ & MUSEUM IN COOKEVILLE 10:00 AM-12 NOON
 AUG. 5 TH SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM SUBJECT: ANCIENT ROADS
 AUG. 10TH SUGAR MAPLE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 5:30 PM TO 7:00 PM
 AUG. 10 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 AUG. 4 TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 AUG. 8 TH CORINTH ACADEMY CAFÉ & OPEN MUSEUM IN COOKEVILLE 10:00 AM -12 NOON
 AUG. 12 TH CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 AUG. 15 TH CORINTH ACADEMY CAFÉ & OPEN MUSEUM IN COOKEVILLE 10:00 AM -12 NOON
 AUG. 15 TH & 16 TH TEXTILES BY JENNIFER DAVEY, MARY HAYS, AND DELSIE HOYT @ TOWLE HILL STUDIO 28 CENTER ROAD CORINTH VT SAT. 10 AM TILL 6 PM, SUN. 12 TILL 3 PM
 AUG. 18 TH SUGAR MAPLE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
 AUG. 18 TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 AUG. 22 ND CORINTH ACADEMY CAFÉ & OPEN MUSEUM IN COOKEVILLE 10:00 AM-12 NOON
 AUG. 22 CHICKEN BBQ, HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, & SILENT AUCTION PUT ON BY RIVERSIDE GRANGE #455 SERVING AT 11:00 AM HORSESHOE SIGN-UPS START AT 10:00 AM @ THE EAST CORINTH BALL FIELD.
 AUG. 29 TH CORINTH ACADEMY CAFÉ & OPEN MUSEUM IN COOKEVILLE 10:00 AM -12 NOON

SEPT. 1 ST PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 SEPT. 5 & 6 TH WATERCOLORS BY ROBERT O'BRIAN @ TOWLE HILL STUDIO; 28 CENTER RD CORINTH SAT. 10 AM TILL 6 PM AND SUN. 12 PM TILL 3 PM
 SEPT. 7 TH LABOR DAY
 SEPT. 9TH SUGAR MAPLE PRESCHOOL MANDATORY PARENT MEETING. 6:30PM
 SEPT. 14 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 SEPT. 15 TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 SEPT. 25 TH CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00PM

OCT. 3 & 4 TH VERMONT NORTH BY HAND
 OCT. 3 & 4 TH WATERCOLORS BY TONY CONNER, MARK NIELSEN, AND JAMES GARDNER @ TOWLE HILL STUDIO 28 CENTER RD CORINTH SAT 10 AM TILL 6 PM AND SUN 12 PM TILL 3 PM
 OCT. 6 TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL
 OCT. 12 TH SELECTBOARD MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 OCT. 14 TH CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING @ TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
 OCT 17 TH CORINTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUCTION @ TOWN HALL
 OCT. 20 TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING @ TOWN HALL
 OCT. 31 ST HAUNTED HOUSE @ EAST CORINTH FIRE STATION

COMING EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

In August, we'll conclude our Vermont Reads 2009 series of events relating to the novel *When the Emperor Was Divine* with the film *Snow Falling on Cedars* (on Monday 8/3 and Wednesday 8/5 at 7:00) and with a lecture at 7:00 on Wednesday, August 12 by Mark Stoler, a professor of History from UVM. His lecture, entitled *WWII: American Perceptions and Historical Realities*, will cover emerging theories and popular myths about the war. In September, we'll begin a series of discussions designed by the Vermont Earth Institute entitled *Menu for the Future*. Focused on food systems and their impacts on culture, society, ecology, and individual well-being, it will begin on September 16 and continue for several weeks. Meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Those interested are encouraged to come to the library to pick up a copy of the course book and to register by September 9. In October, we plan to hold our annual fall book and plant sale, and come November we'll be hosting a series of discussions of great short stories.

Currently on display at the library are several watercolors by Mary Martin of Taplin Hill featuring many local scenes. Among them are a view of Wrights Mountain from Mary's house on Taplin Hill, a couple of old trucks, a portrait of her rooster, the façade of the old East Corinth store (which Mary ran until a few years ago), and three of her horses. Though Mary has won awards for her paintings at the Tunbridge fair, this is her first solo show. Come check it out!

Don't forget that the second Wednesday evening of every month at 6:30 is knitting night; every fourth Wednesday evening at 7:00, the library hosts an evening of poetry; and every Thursday morning at 10:00, toddlers and kids are welcome to come join us for stories, crafts, and snacks. To keep abreast of what's happening and when, you can visit our website at www.blakememorial.org or call us at 439-5338.

TO ADD YOUR EVENTS TO THE COMMUNITY CALENDAR E-MAIL CORINO@TOPS-TELE.COM OR CALL 439-5850



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Town Clerk, *Nancy Ertle* @ the office 439-5850, Office hours: Monday & Tuesday 8:00-4:00 and Thursday 10:00-6:00.
First Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00. Town Clerks e-mail address corino@tops-tele.com

*Appointments with the clerk may also be made to accommodate those who just can't make regular office hours

Treasurer, *Susan Fortunati* @ the office 439-5850. Office hours: Monday 8:30 – 3:00, Tuesday 12:00 – 6:00,
Thursday 10:00 – 3:00, Friday 8:30 – 3:00 Treasures e-mail address corintres@tops-tele.com

~ **Closed Wednesdays & Federal Holidays** ~

Select board – *Laurie Sheridan*, @ 439-6299, *Russ Pazdro* Chairperson @ 439-5265
and *Lee Porter* @ 439-5899.

Road Foreman, *Joe Blodgett* @ the Town Garage 439-6272 (leave your name and number please).

Listers - *Allen Locke*, Chair; *Jen Brooks-Wooding* & *Peter Keene*
@ the office 439-5098.

Lister hrs. T-T 9:30 am to 1:30 pm or by appointment.

First Constable—*Joe Hill* @ 439-6848 or email: joseph.hill@gmail.com

Second Constable— *John Farrow* @ 439-3184

Orange County Rescue and Corinth Animal Control Officer—*Diana Perry* @ NEW # 439-3700

New email address: ocartarc@gmail.com